

REPUBLICAN OPPOSED TO TOWNS PLAN WAS OPPOSED BY GREAT BRITAIN, THE UNITED STATES, ITALY AND BELGIUM—FRANCE ACTED ENTIRELY ON HER OWN INITIATIVE, ADOPTING A PLAN WHICH WAS ONLY INTENDED AS A LAST RESORT METHOD—KING ALBERT HAS DECIDED THAT BELGIUM BE PREPARED TO SEND A DETACHMENT INTO THE RHUR REGION.

London, April 8.—(By The A. P.)—After a long conference which was presided over by Paul Cambon, had with Premier Lloyd George today, and a full discussion of the Franco-German incident by the cabinet, the British view was fully explained to the British ministers. An authoritative statement was issued in the effect that France acted on her own initiative in deciding to occupy German towns; that Great Britain, the United States, Italy and Belgium were opposed to the plan, and that the Franco-German action has caused a delicate situation.

The statement recites various explanations suggested for the action, and the situation, among others, the sending of allied officers with the German troops to supervise the German withdrawal. Another alternative was that the decision should be left with the German government, with the stipulation that unless the status quo is sufficiently restored the allied troops themselves would occupy German points to enforce their demands. The statement proceeds: "The German government appears to have acted precipitately and France to have responded by adopting a plan which was only intended as a last resort method, and even then to have been the affair of the allies and not of any one of them simply."

Germany to ask allies to police neutral zone. Berlin, April 8.—The Berliner Tageblatt says it is informed that the German government is negotiating with the allies for a prolongation to October 7 of the agreement of August, 1919, for the maintenance of troops in the neutral zone, pending the strong police force required to maintain order in that area.

Exports of Belgium now exceed imports. Brussels, April 8.—For the first time since the signing of the armistice, the exportation of manufactured goods has surpassed imports. The February returns give 236,000,000 francs in exports, an increase of 51,000,000 francs over the previous year. The exports in February reached 560,000,000 francs, as compared with a total for the year 1919 of only 430,000,000 francs.

Fastest long run in black sea navigation. Constantinople, April 8.—The United States torpedo boat destroyer "Cole" arrived here from Feodosia, the longest run in the history of Black Sea navigation. The Cole started with only a 24 hours supply of food and water and raced the nearly 3,000 miles in 11 days and 11 hours, an average speed of 40 miles an hour. The time was twelve hours fast.

Strike at Indian Orchard mfg. plant, Springfield. Springfield, Mass., April 8.—Three hundred employees of the Indian Orchard Manufacturing Company left their work this afternoon following refusal by the company to grant an increase in the rate of pay of 10 per cent, which employees turned down. The entire plant, employing 800 hands, is affected.

Urging modification of the Volstead act. New York, April 8.—Resolutions urging modification of the Volstead act to permit the manufacture and sale of wine, elder and fruit juices and opposing the rehabilitation of the saloons are being introduced at the 18th annual convention of the American Wine Growers' association. "Management of the saloons" is held responsible for the enactment of the 18th amendment and the Volstead act.

Savage arms corp. enters shotgun field. Utica, N. Y., April 8.—Purchase by the Savage Arms corporation of the Stevens Arms company's plant at Chicopee Falls, Mass., marks the entry of the Savage corporation into the shotgun field, according to a statement by C. W. Washburn, president of the company. No changes are planned at the Chicopee Falls plant.

Eric Brakeman at Jersey City quit work. Jersey City, April 8.—All yard brakemen employed in the Erie railroad yards here went out on strike late this afternoon without giving any reasons for their action. Railroad officials declare that the strike was unauthorized by union officials and apparently was called in sympathy with the unauthorized strikes of railroad employees in Chicago, Buffalo and other middle western and eastern cities.

Schooner Brisk afire at sea and abandoned. Barbados, April 7.—The American auxiliary schooner Brisk, which sailed from Newport News March 18 for Rio Janeiro, was abandoned at sea on fire. Her crew was rescued by the steamer Helene, bound from New York for Montevideo, and brought here.

Belgium to have a detachment ready. Brussels, April 8.—King Albert presided today at a cabinet council at which it was decided as a token of benevolence to France and of solidarity with the allies, that Belgium was prepared to send a detachment into the Ruhr region.

Refugee communists enter British zone. Washington, April 8.—Refugees from the German communist forces are entering the British zone of occupation around Coblenz in large numbers. The state department was informed today. More than 5,000 were disarmed and interned Tuesday and reports were that at least 15,000 more were exported yesterday.

Soviet troops surrendered to Japanese forces. Washington, April 8.—Fighting between Japanese and Russian forces at Khabarovsk ceased late Tuesday. The Japanese embassy was informed today, with the surrender of the Soviet troops. The Japanese suffered 260 casualties in the ten-hour conflict, while the Russians lost 486 dead, 1,549 prisoners and seven guns.

New York Police Inspector indicted Operation Expensive

Dominick Henry is Charged With Neglect of Duty—Two Plain Clothes Men Indicted For Bribery. New York, April 8.—Police Inspector Dominick Henry, commanding the Tenderloin district, a central figure in New York's vice war, was indicted late today by the regular grand jury on a charge of neglect of duty.

Revenues for February, Last Month of Federal Control, Showed Deficit of \$8,654,000. Washington, April 8.—Railroad operating revenues for February, the last month of federal control, fell \$8,654,000 below operating expenses and thereby increased the government's deficit in operation, the Interstate Commerce Commission yesterday reported. The commission's report covered the earnings and expenses of more than 40 per cent. of the lines.

Pay envelopes led to arrest of burglar suspect. Waterbury, April 8.—Pay envelopes bearing his name led to the arrest today of Felix Rodnick, an employee of a foundry here, on the charge of burglary. Rodnick was arrested in the street yesterday and charged with stealing \$1100 worth of rings and watches. When the robber was discovered by the police he fled, and was pursued by the police he took refuge in a lumber yard, some distance away. He left his overcoat in the lumber yard, where it was found by the police. In the pockets were discovered several pay envelopes bearing the name of Rodnick.

Bay state ice dealers straddle fence in price. Springfield, Mass., April 8.—The 600 members of the Massachusetts Ice Dealers' association, in convention here today refused to adopt a resolution putting the association on record as against any price increase in the coming season. This attitude was taken, it was said, because of the uncertainty of conditions, including cost of labor and materials. It was stated, however, that the association would do all in their power to avoid higher prices. The association voted to favor legislation to compel drivers to sell their ice at a fixed price.

Coast guard cutters to relief of steamer mystic. Boston, April 8.—The coast guard cutter "Osage" from this district and the Seminole, on duty off the Newfoundland coast, were ordered tonight to the assistance of the steamer Mystic, which was reported disabled in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The cutter left Avonmouth for New York on March 21 and in a wireless message intercepted here today reported her boiler disabled and fuel supply law and in some cases she gave her position as latitude 46.05 north; longitude 55.94 west. The Mystic registers 3,741 tons.

Attorney general Palmer is peeved at Michigan. Macon, Ga., April 8.—Attorney General Palmer, speaking here tonight in behalf of his candidacy for the presidential nomination, declared that "three-quarters of a million dollars killed the peace treaty and the league of nations convention."

Hartford aldermen repealed daylight law. Hartford, Conn., April 8.—The Hartford board of aldermen tonight repealed the daylight saving ordinance which was passed here on March 23. The city returned to standard time last Sunday at the request of Mayor Kisseloff, it having been found that much confusion was caused by the daylight saving time. A new ordinance was introduced tonight and will be reported next Monday. This would put the city back to standard light saving time on April 23.

Bitter battle in R. I. senate over daylight saving law. Providence, R. I., April 8.—The Rhode Island senate adjourned amid scenes of confusion today after a bitter battle over the proposed daylight saving law which was passed by the house yesterday. A test vote on the measure indicated a majority against it. The vote was 15 to 14. Opponents then began an effort to send it to the special legislative committee. The measure was defeated by a vote of 15 to 14.

Bandit robs mail car on Atchison road. Kansas City, Mo., April 8.—The mail of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad train No. 9, Chicago to Kansas City, was robbed by a bandit between Lexington Junction and Kansas City tonight. No estimate of the amount of loot obtained was available. The bandit boarded the train at Lexington Junction, Missouri, and carried off a mail bag containing \$10,000 in cash. He was followed by a posse of men and proceeded leisurely to rifle the registered mail.

Demand fest reaches the Gilbert clock co. Winsted, Conn., April 8.—A committee of twenty, said to represent a majority of the six hundred employees in the William L. Gilbert Clock company, today demanded a 10 per cent. increase in wages for a nine hour day with ten hours pay to C. E. Williams, general manager of the company. The committee asked for a reply by Saturday. Officials of the company said that some of the employees were in favor of a ten hour day, with an increase in hourly wages. It was indicated that the conference between the committee and company officials would be held.

Murdered red cross nurse who had cared for him. Bordeaux, April 8.—Crime, which has been rampant in France since the war, has afforded an instance of peculiar turpitude in the case of Maurice Duclouet, a former soldier. On March 12 he murdered at Abbeville a woman who, as a Red Cross nurse, had cared for him when wounded. The victim was Madame Bonjean, wife of the head of the Red Cross hospital. She was killed by Duclouet and then robbed. Duclouet has just been arrested. His home at Talence, a suburb of Bordeaux, was searched and a revolver and a pocket watch were found there.

Justice rebukes James Larkin, Irish labor leader. New York, April 8.—Attempts on the part of James Larkin, Irish labor leader, to bar "bourgeoisie" from the American court jury which is to try him for criminal anarchy, and obtain the selection only of "proletarian" talesmen, today again delayed progress of the trial. Larkin is acting as his own attorney.

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CONDENSED TELEGRAMS

A shortage of sugar is threatening this country as a result of prohibition.

A special session of the German National Assembly was called for Saturday.

Mary Faith McAdoo is the name given President Wilson's youngest granddaughter.

Governor Helms appointed Dr. Howard P. Maunsted of Ridgefield a member of the state council of public health.

A strike of 600 union carpenters is up building operations in Manchester, N. H.

Strikers and police forces at Belfast, Ireland, and persons being killed and several wounded.

Ex-Premier Clemenceau has been suffering from bronchitis since his return from Luxor to Cairo.

President Wilson's summer home at Woods Hole, Mass., is reported ready except for a "little polishing up."

With a stage of 18.5 feet, the highest in 23 years, the Mississippi river, continued to rise at Clinton, Iowa.

President Wilson nominated Charles P. Sumner and Henry Jervoy to be major generals in the regular army.

Minister of the interior of Germany announced that election for the new reichstag will be held Sunday, June 6.

Complete but unofficial returns from Milwaukee city election, show that Mayor Daniel W. Hoan, socialist, was re-elected.

Permits to prescribe intoxicating liquors have been issued to 1800 physicians in Massachusetts by the internal revenue office.

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New Jersey senate passed a bill extending the prime light limit from eight to twelve hours. The bill will go to Governor Edwards at once.

The Harvard Aeronautical society announced that it had been notified by the navy department that it would be given the navy seaplane 43-B.

Greek troops were authorized by the supreme military council to advance in Asia Minor and participation of an attack by Turkish rebels.

G. P. Bartholomew and John C. Emmon were elected to the board of directors at the annual meeting of the American Smelting & Refining Co.

Representatives of the New York State Grange are in Albany to exert their influence for the passage of a sweeping daylight saving repeal measure.

State department announced discussion between the United States, France, Great Britain and Italy on the Ruhr Valley situation are now in progress.

Petitions were circulated in Portland, Oregon, yesterday to place the name of William Howard Taft on the Oregon primary ballot for endorsement as a republican candidate for president.

Managers of Chicago's six leading hotels were selected as a coroner's jury recently to determine whether an alleged street flirtation is sufficient grounds for killing a man.

The New York senate repealed the "conductore" bill passed by the 1919 legislature fixing the hours of labor of women employed on surface, elevated and subway lines.

Sailing on her first voyage as a passenger liner, the steaming Santa Teresa, left New York for Valparaiso and other west coast South American ports with passengers and cargo.

A break in the Muscatine island levee twelve miles south of Muscatine has inundated thousands of acres of farm land and the overflow of a considerable part of South Muscatine, Iowa, is threatened.

Vice Chancellor Fielder forbade the Francisco Sugar company to lease sugar plantations to a Cuban syndicate for the purpose of evading Federal income taxes of more than \$1,000,000.

It was announced in Athens that an Italian commercial mission arrived in that city on the way to Russia to negotiate with the soviet government for the purpose of obtaining raw materials for manufacture.

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DELEGATE BREAKS STRIKE OF RAILROAD MEN

Vice President Whitney of the Railroad Trainmen and President Heberling of the Switchmen Place Time Within 48 Hours—1,000 Brotherhood Men From Other Cities Have Answered Call to Go to Chicago as Strike Breakers—Slight Improvement Noted in Chicago—Strike is Spreading From Coast to Coast—Embargo on Freight at Buffalo Continues.

Chicago, April 8.—The unauthorized strike of switchmen and railroad engineers which started in the Chicago district and spread today to several cities, will be broken within the next forty-eight hours, A. F. Whitney, vice president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and S. E. Heberling, international president of the switchmen's union of North America, predicted tonight.

The strike situation in Chicago shows some improvement during the day but Whitney said that the traffic handled was still less than 50 per cent of normal. One thousand brotherhood men from other cities have answered the call to come here as strike breakers, he added.

The Railroad Managers' association reported that no striking switchmen were in the country from coast to coast. Reports tonight said that the situation is as follows:

Chicago—3,000 men out; freight traffic 20 to 40 per cent of normal; 40,000 packing plant workers thrown out of work with complete suspension of the plants, employing 50,000 men, in prospect tomorrow.

Buffalo—1,500 to 2,700 men idle; embargo on all freight in effect; Chicago City—500 to 600 men out; freight embargo in effect.

Los Angeles—1,200 men employed by trans-continental lines on strike; Chicago—3,000 men out; freight traffic 20 to 40 per cent of normal; 40,000 packing plant workers thrown out of work with complete suspension of the plants, employing 50,000 men, in prospect tomorrow.

Detroit—1,000 men out and 500 more expected; here tonight; 350 Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen members vote to remain loyal to their union.

St. Louis—300 to 400 idle; 350 Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen members vote to remain loyal to their union.

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Springfield, Ill.—Baltimore and Ohio switchmen out; freight embargo in effect.

Colton, Cal.—50 Southern Pacific men quit; freight tied up.

Cleveland—1,500 to vote tonight on strike; 500 to remain loyal to their union.

Sheridan, Wyo.—Men vote to remain at work and send delegation to Chicago to aid in breaking strike.

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Elmira, N. Y.—Yardmen of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, New York Central and Lehigh Valley ordered out.

Pittsburgh—2,000 Pennsylvania employees at Conaway yards vote to strike at midnight if demands are not granted.

Memphis—Yardmen on all but two roads entering city vote to strike at 4 p. m. Friday if demands are not granted.

Portland, Ore.—Strike of 2,500 Pennsylvania shoveler believed settled; strike had no connection with switchmen's walkout.

San Francisco—Twenty switchmen quit work.

Jersey City—All Erie yard brakemen quit.

The Erie men walked out just before the evening rush of commuters began. Railroad officials hastily recruited a few employees familiar with the operation of trains and succeeded in making up some of the suburban trains and moving them into the station. The congestion at the railroad and Hudson tube stations became so great that 150 passengers were sent out to preserve order.

Railroad officials reported tonight that not more than 75 men went on strike here, only five out of 119 trains were delayed, they said.

J. J. Mantell, New York regional director of the road, characterized the action of the men as being "in violation of the rules of their own organization as well as the laws of the country as covered by the transportation act. W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, also condemned the strike as "illegal" and pledged the support of his organization to keep trains moving.

A free for all oratorical contest developed today when S. E. Heberling, international president of the switchmen's union, attempted at a meeting to persuade 500 strikers to return to work. The meeting at first broke up, re-formed and then melted away when the union official started declaring that "Wall Street" and "Are you with us or against us?" the men shouted as Heberling told them a strike now was unwise. "Wait and you will get the increase you need in a lawful fashion," he urged. "You are under contract with the railroad and a strike would be unlawful. Do you think switchmen are bigger than the government?"

Patrick Henry and George Washington were rebuked, one time, by E. E. Kerr, Chicago yardmen's association organizer, answered. "You say we can't strike lawfully. But what the masses say is law."

Embargo on freight at Buffalo continues. Buffalo, N. Y., April 8.—Officials of railroads affected by the strike of switchmen after a conference last night issued a statement declaring that lifting of the embargo on freight shipments was "not in sight." No demands have been presented to the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, who walked out yesterday, according to officials although demands for increased wages were drafted at meetings of the strikers yesterday.

Union leaders continued today without success their efforts to induce the men to abandon their unauthorized strike. At meetings of strikers there was no sign of weakening. The New York Central, Pennsylvania and Lehigh Valley continue to move freight today. The Central Railroad of New Jersey and Erie yards were handling about 35 per cent of their normal business, the Pennsylvania said that it was moving nearly half of its freight while the Lehigh reported movements on Wednesday of 50 per cent. An today of 45 per cent.

Local industries began today to feel the effects of the strike. The packing plants were virtually without supplies. The Lackawanna Street Company was working with about half its normal force and officials said that if the tieup continued only enough men would remain at work to keep the city supplied with water, gas and electricity. Other manufacturing establishments, unable to get raw material were forced to curtail or cease operations. At meeting tonight, attended by about 1,500 of the striking switchmen, the grand lodge of the International Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen was organized. It was decided that this organization would be extended to other cities where the switchmen are on strike, and they declared that the association would supersede the switchmen's union and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen as far as it affects yardmen.

More than 1,000 men have quit in Detroit. Detroit, Mich., April 8.—The unauthorized strike of switchmen which began in the Detroit yards of the Michigan Central railroad this forenoon with the walkout of a few crews, had extended this afternoon to other yards and according to representatives of the strikers, more than 1,000 men had quit by 2 p. m. More than 300 locomotives, it was stated, had been laid up.

Mass meeting called of New York Central men. Cleveland, O., April 8.—Circulars were distributed late this afternoon in the Collinwood yards of the New York Central calling a mass meeting of switchmen and other railroad men and engineers tonight to consider strike action in sympathy with the men at Buffalo and Toledo who are striking from Detroit and Toledo to address the meeting.

Congress takes up strike of railroad employes. Washington, April 8.—Congress took cognizance today of the strike of railroad employes, which, starting at Chicago, has spread to a dozen cities from the Pacific to the Atlantic. Senator McCormick, republican, Illinois introduced a resolution authorizing the interstate commerce commission to investigate whether funds for the inquiry should be voted. The resolution proposed an investigation of any existing strike of railroad employes not authorized by the railroad workers' union. Senator Pomeroy, republican, Ohio, wanted to know whether the resolution would apply specifically to strikes reported today from Los Angeles, Buffalo and other cities. Senator McCormick said it would apply to all strikes in which the men "have disregarded the judgment of their responsible union."

These walkouts, he declared, have taken place despite the efforts of the leaders of the railroad crafts to prevent them.

With the unauthorized strikes spreading, President Wilson's advisers urged him to speedily appoint the railroad labor board provided for in the transportation act. These who talked with the president said he was giving the appointments serious consideration and probably would name them within a few days.

Conflicting views of railroad strike. Chicago, April 8.—While leaders of the insurgent switchmen and trainmen insisted tonight that their strike had spread from coast to coast and involved some 25,000 men, officers of the union and other officials in Chicago said that the strike had not spread beyond the Chicago district. The union leaders tonight said that the strike had spread to several cities.

Union leaders tonight failed in their efforts to win over any considerable number of the strikers but they said various groups had returned to work and that they saw signs of weakening among the men who they said would be brought back to work in a few days for lack of funds.

French troops battle with Turks in Morocco. Taza, Morocco, April 8.—French troops have been engaged in a reconnaissance action against a strong body of natives who were the tribe of Beni Ourain on the route south of Taza. Four French soldiers and one officer were killed. The enemy was dispersed by artillery, which inflicted severe losses.

"Kind to animals week" and "humane Sunday." Hartford, Conn., April 8.—Governor Hiram Woodbury in a proclamation tonight, designated the week beginning Sunday, April 18 as "Humane Sunday." The week will be observed with special activities promoting humane activities throughout the state.

Tennessee republican delegates uninstructed. Jackson, Tenn., April 8.—Uninstructed delegates were elected to the Tennessee republican convention meeting today at the Fifth district convention.

Easter processions in Murcia, Spain was marred by serious disturbances.



Snapshot of Balfour. GENERAL NEWS PHOTO SERVICE, NEW YORK.